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STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Jesse Minter Fatally and Aubra Thrash Seriously Injured--Went to Sleep on the Railroad Track.

A most shocking scene was witnessed in Keytesville last Wednesday morning when Jesse Minter and Aubra Thrash, with broken limbs and bruised and cut bodies, were brought up town from Keytesville depot on stretchers which had been placed on board the flat-car of the Keytesville street railway.

Jesse Minter was nearly 21 years old and the Thrash boy 18 years of age. They started Tuesday night to beat their way over the Wabash to attend the Moberly fair, and managed to get as far as Huntsville, where they were ejected from "the blind baggage." They concluded to walk on to Moberly, but a mile or two east of Huntsville sat down on the railroad track and, after smoking some cigarettes, laid down on the track and dropped off to sleep, where they were struck about 3 o'clock by No. 95, a west-bound fast freight. The train backed up and took the boys to Huntsville. The Thrash boy told the train crew that he and his companion were from Keytesville, but this statement was doubted until verified by Mrs. C. B. Shafer of Huntsville, who knew the families of the maimed victims, if not the boys themselves. They were brought from Huntsville to Keytesville on No. 21, the passenger train which passes Keytesville station at 6 a. m.

Jesse Minter soon lapsed into unconsciousness after the train struck him and all that is known of how the accident occurred is told by Aubra Thrash and the trainmen.

Upon the arrival of the boys here Jesse was taken to the home of his father, Judge H. C. Minter, and Aubra to his stepfather's and uncle's, C. P. Thrash's, of the meat market firm of Thrash Bros.

Dr. J. T. Aldridge was called in both cases. An examination of the injuries showed that Jesse's left arm was badly bruised and slightly cut in one or two places and that there was a comminuted fracture of the lower third of the left thigh-bone, while the right side of the chest was terribly bruised and the skin lacerated. There was a cut to the skull-bone about two inches long on the top of the head, and also some cuts and several bruises on the back part of the head and on the back of the neck. The poor boy never regained consciousness, and death, caused by concussion of the brain or internal injuries and the severe shock and loss of blood, came to relieve his sufferings and ravings at about 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Burial took place in the City cemetery at 6 o'clock p. m. of the same day, prayer being offered at the grave by Rev. J. R. Finley.

The injuries sustained by Aubra Thrash are: Left arm broken in two places—at the wrist and about half way between the shoulder and elbow; left thigh-bone broken about the center; several severe cuts on left shoulder, which required several stitches to sew them up. There were also various scratches and bruises about the body. Aubra is in a serious condition, but unless internal complications develop it is thought that he will recover.

Marriages.

RICHEY-HARRISON.—I. N. Richey, Jr., editor of the Mendon *Citizen*, and Miss Ethel Harrison of Kansas City "have done gone and got married." The nuptial knot was tied at Mendon by Rev. Geo. W. Norris. Accept our congratulations, Brother Richey. May you and your better half never want for the good things of this vain world and be at last safely anchored in the haven of eternal rest.

A New Election Law.

The last Missouri legislature passed an election law, the provisions of which are such that persons convicted of the following crimes are forever deprived of the elective franchise, not only as voters at any election, but also from holding an office of trust or profit, as well as from jury service. We publish the list so that all who read it may know the state's suffrage restrictions and can govern themselves accordingly:

1. Petit larceny.
2. Grand larceny.
3. Larceny from a dwelling house.
4. Burglary in any degree.
5. Robbery in any degree.
6. Arson in any degree.
7. Altering marks or brands.
8. Destroying a record.
9. Fraudulent conversion of property.
10. Keeping stray animals without posting.
11. Cutting timber on land of another without his consent.
12. Embezzlement.
13. Receiving stolen goods.
14. Officer loaning public money.
15. Allowing of corrupt claims by officials.
16. Unlawfully disbursing public money by county or town officials.
17. Officer failing to pay over excess of salary.
18. Officer speculating in county warrants.
19. Obtaining money by false pretenses.
20. Obtaining money by personating another.
21. Giving second deed of trust without notice to beneficiary of first lien.
22. Giving second mortgage when amount is over fifty dollars, without notice of first.
23. Selling mortgaged property or concealing the same.
24. Railroad officer converting money to his own use.
25. Bank officer receiving deposits when bank is insolvent.
26. Putting any kind of obstruction on railroad track.
27. Maliciously killing or wounding any horse, mule, colt or neat cattle.
28. Forgery in any degree.
29. Making a false record by public official.
30. Clipping coin or diminishing its weight or value.

Business Change at Dalton.

An important change in Dalton business circles took place last Tuesday when Rudolph Wessner sold his drug and grocery store to O. B. Anderson and son, Sam. The style of the new firm will be O. B. Anderson & Son.

Mr. Wessner had built up a good trade, and desires, through the *Courier*, to express his sincere gratitude to his friends for their liberal patronage, and hopes they will continue the same generous and pleasant business relations with his successors.

Mr. Wessner will still continue as postmaster, and respectfully requests that all store accounts due him be settled in full at once.

A Chariton County Enterprise.

We take pride in calling attention to our new steam laundry at Salisbury. We are in a new building, erected to order, are well equipped with new and modern machinery and have secured the services of Mr. A. C. Brady of Marshall, Mo., one of the best laundry men in North Missouri. Our work is giving entire satisfaction at home and abroad. This is a Chariton county institution, and we cordially solicit a share of your patronage and guarantee satisfaction. Mr. John Ward is our agent at Keytesville. Please leave your work at his barber shop or give it to him when he calls upon you. Respectfully,

SALISBURY STEAM LAUNDRY.

A. T. GALLEMORE, Manager.

Burl Jones Pardoned.

Executive clemency has been extended to Burl Jones, who was pardoned out of the penitentiary last week by Gov. Lon V. Stephens.

Jones will be remembered as the young man who was sentenced to the penitentiary for two and one-half years at the January, 1898, term of circuit court at Salisbury for stealing 1,000 pounds of wool from G. B. Hurt of six miles southeast of Keytesville.

Jones was an expert sheep shear and Mr. Hurt employed him to shear his sheep in the spring of 1897. The clip aggregated 1,000 pounds and was stored in the loft of an old barn on Mr. Hurt's premises, where it was subsequently stolen and taken to Moberly and sold to I. Weisburg & Co. The missing wool was located and search instituted for the thief, resulting in the capture of Jones at Marshall, Saline county, and his later conviction of the crime in the circuit court.

It has always been believed that Jones had a confederate in the theft of Mr. Hurt's wool, and it is said that his divulging the name of his pal was largely responsible for Governor Stephens' pardon.

This accomplice was named Johnson, and his next offense against the peace and dignity of the state after the part he played in stealing Mr. Hurt's wool was the theft of a lot of clover seed and a team of mules and a wagon, near Lexington, Mo., for which he was captured, tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years, but died in prison about three weeks ago.

Maj. W. H. Bradley of Salisbury, who was Jones' attorney, was quite active in securing his client's release from the penitentiary, not on the grounds, perhaps, that he particularly wanted Jones' pal brought to justice, but for the reason that his client was reported to be in poor health on account of lung trouble.

Jones was in Keytesville last Thursday, but remained here only a short time.

The Sneed-Wheeler law-suit has developed into quite a legal controversy. An attachment suit of Mrs. Linnie Sneed against D. N. Wheeler to recover personal property the plaintiff had sold defendant, amounting to a little over \$37, was tried by jury in Justice J. M. De Moss' court last Wednesday, but the jury failed to agree and the case was set for trial again to-morrow. Also the suit of Mrs. Sneed against Mr. Wheeler for possession of Sneed's hotel and \$35 back rent. At the trial of the attachment suit Wednesday an unpleasant but exciting colloquy took place between two of the opposing counsel, Capt. J. C. Wallace and J. A. Collet, in which Capt. Wallace hurled a paper weight at Mr. Collet, but failed to hit him. At this juncture more blood appeared on the moon and both belligerents started toward each other with tiger-like fierceness. Friends interferred and restored quiet. Justice De Moss felt that the dignity of his court had been fractured and fined each of the pugnacious attorneys \$25.

A. J. Bruce, the transient photographer who recently pitched his tent in Keytesville, is pronounced a fraud. James W. Weir, editor of the *Miami News*, writes the *Courier* that he left Miami with the cash of many customers who have not gotten their pictures. The Carrellton, De Witt, Moberly, Marshall and various papers, Mr. Weir says, have all exposed Mr. Bruce's methods of doing business. We publish the above as a note of warning to the public. It would seem that the proper thing to do would be not to pay Bruce any money until you get your pictures.

Mrs. James M. Dempsey of near Indian Grove was called to the vicinity of Burton, Howard county, Tuesday night by the dangerous illness of her stepmother, Mrs. Wiggam.

Death's Decree.

THOMAS.—Mrs. Silas Thomas of near Guthridge Mills died at 10 o'clock last Wednesday morning. Her death was caused by her having given premature birth to twins.

SEVERS.—D. H. Severs, the father of D. C. Severs, the efficient Wabash agent at Keytesville station, died at his home in Pittsburg, Kas., last Monday of dropsy, aged 65 years. The elder Severs made his home in Keytesville for a few months with his son, who was at his father's bedside when the old gentleman breathed his last.

COCK.—Many hearts in Keytesville were saddened last Friday morning by the announcement of the death of W. M. Cock, Jr., after an illness of about three weeks of typhoid fever, aged 41 years, 7 months and 17 days. For awhile his case was not considered serious, but he became dangerously ill the second week and then got better. Everyone was hopeful of his recovery as he had had no fever for several days, but perforation of the bowels set up and death was inevitable. Mr. Cock was born and reared a short distance north of Keytesville, but had made his home in this place for several years. He married Miss Winnie Moore of this city August 2nd, 1887. Two children, Egbert and John Bayne, were born of the marriage and, with the widowed mother, are left to mourn the death of an indulgent husband and affectionate father, who was of a highly respectable family and a member of the M. E. church, South. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. O. Edmonston, assisted by Rev. B. W. N. Simms, at deceased's late residence, attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors, and who also followed the remains to the City cemetery to pay the last sad tribute of respect to a worthy citizen, whose untimely death is deeply deplored by all who knew him. He had provided for his family in case of his death as far as his means would enable him; about year ago took out a policy for \$1,000 in the Equitable Life Insurance Co. May He who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless be a stay and comfort to the bereaved wife and children in their affliction.

Barn Burned.

John Carroll of two miles east of town had a large tobacco and stock barn destroyed by fire last Monday night. There were two breaking plows, two double-shovels, two cultivators, one long Tom hayrack and two harrows in the building, but no hay or grain. The structure was insured for \$200 and the contents for \$100 in the Continental Insurance Co., but the amount of insurance will not be enough to cover the loss as the barn alone cost Mr. Carroll about \$700. The fire is believed to have been the work of tramps or hunters who carelessly dropped a lighted match in or about the building.

Order.

I am now running my cider mill and will grind on the following days: August—Every Tuesday and Saturday. September—Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. October—Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. November—Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. I will furnish barrels and kegs reasonable to those who want them. Terms—Per barrel of 46 and 48 gallons, 50 cts; 55 cts will be charged for barrels holding more than 48 gallons. Factory 1 1/4 miles west of Salisbury. HENRY NAGLE.

Sheep for Sale.

I have 90 head of sheep for sale: about 50 ewes, two good yearling bucks and balance wether lambs.

S. C. SMITH,
Mendon, Mo.

P. S.—I want to buy a pair of second-hand stock scales.

Maurice Taylor's Horse Missing.

Maurice Taylor, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Taylor of two and one-half miles southwest of Keytesville, rode into town on his fine saddle horse last Monday night to see his mother, who is in poor health, and is stopping at her son's, A. F. Taylor's, while some alterations and additions are being made to her country home.

After arriving at his brother's Maurice turned his horse, with saddle and bridle on, loose in the yard. When Maurice started home about 10 o'clock his steed could not be found. An examination of the premises showed that the animal had been led through a gate and thence ridden east a block to County Treasurer John Knappenberger's residence, thence north to the Keytesville and Salisbury road and thence east toward Salisbury where all trace was lost.

The animal is an iron gray gelding, 6 years old, 16 1/2 hands high, is a natural saddler and the owner had refused \$135 for him. It is not known definitely whether the horse was stolen or ridden off by some one who didn't have the price of a livery rig or a railroad ticket, and was possessed of an uncontrollable desire to go somewhere.

The missing equine had on a cushion-seated saddle. The only special mark on the animal was a small scar on the outside of the left front foot.

Young Taylor is leaving no effort unspared to recover his highly prized steed and to capture the thief or bold, bad rider who wanted to go somewhere, and we hope he may be successful in both.

A. D. Taylor, who lives at Keytesville station, had a black horse ridden away from a hitch-rack in this city the same night, but the animal was found in the neighborhood of Scribner school-house the next day and put in Wallace Shoemaker's pasture until the owner could be found.

STILL ANOTHER.

A sorrel horse belonging to Chas. Whittall was stolen from the hitch-rack in Mendon last Tuesday night, and an "old plug" left in its place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Null of Sumner has brought suit at the November term of circuit court at Keytesville for the purpose of obtaining a decree of divorce from her husband, Dr. A. C. Null, whom she charges with adultery with one Sarah E. Ross, and also with abandonment November 2nd, 1898. The plaintiff states in her petition that she was lawfully married to defendant in Allen county, Indiana, March 4, 1866. They, however, have lived at Sumner, this county, for several years. We understand it is Dr. Null's intention to file a cross-bill in the divorce proceedings against him, in which, he says, he will be able to show the difference between slanderous rumors and unvarnished facts. The doctor, the petition states, is worth \$2,500. He expresses a willingness to give his wife half, and even more than half, of his property. Mrs. Null, is the same lady who filed a suit against Mrs. Ross a few weeks ago for \$5,000 actual and \$5,000 exemplary damages for alienating her husband's affections.

A Card.

I desire to say to my friends and the public in general that on account of the reduction in the school fund interest from eight to six per cent by our honorable county court, I have resolved myself into a committee of one to look after, pioneer and readjust any county loans, that my friends may intrust to me, at a reasonable fee. I am also duly commissioned as notary public and solicit a share of the patronage of my friends. Changing county loans given special attention and care. Write me or call at office in court-house. Respect,

B. H. SMITH,
Keytesville, Mo.

Real Estate Transfers.

WARRANTY DEEDS.

Geo. B. Fawks to Gertie Ragsdale, 100 feet front on Walnut street in College Place addition to the city of Salisbury by 250 feet deep, and described by metes and bounds. Consideration, \$150.

Gertie Ragsdale and Lee Ragsdale, her husband, and T. W. Jamison to Geo. B. Fawks, a tract of land described by metes and bounds, beginning at the ne cor of blk 37 in the city of Salisbury. Consideration, \$500.

Eliza B. Perkinson of Brazil, South America, to John Perkinson, all of her undivided interest as heir of T. P. Perkinson, deceased, to the n hf sw qr 16-54-16. Consideration, \$1.

Albert S. Talbott and wife to Minnie Iglehart, an undivided one-half interest in the s pt w hf se qr 13-53-19, containing 44 acres, more or less, excepting one acre in the nw cor., now owned by Henry Bucksath; also one acre joining Henry Bucksath's tract on the south, now owned by Minnie Iglehart; also a tract joining the Minnie Iglehart tract on the south 210x1,150 feet, deeded to Chas. R. Mason in April, 1896, by Henry Harris and wife. Consideration, \$85.

O. F. Wayland and wife of Hale, Tex., to W. R. Clark, n hf sw qr 21-55-17, subject to a deed of trust for \$700, payment of which is assumed by the grantee herein. Consideration, \$1,400.

Jacob Goldschmidt and wife to Jos. Spaeth of Clinton county, Mo., e hf se qr 16-54-17. Consideration, \$300.

C. H. Atterbury and H. C. Atterbury and wife to R. K. Wright, a tract of land, described by metes and bounds, commencing at the ne cor of 9-54-19. Consideration, \$500.

Mary Brandow of Bucklin, Linn county, to L. C. Ferguson of Rutledge, Scotland county, e hf ne qr 7, and the ne qr se qr 7; also sw qr nw qr 8, all in 56-17; also nw qr nw qr 8-56-17, subject to a lien of \$1,000 due April 7th, 1900. Consideration, \$3,000.

Joseph Meyer to Chas. Meyer, se qr sw qr 13-53-20. Consideration, \$600.

Arthur G. Shupe to W. A. Ralph, an undivided one-seventh interest in the e hf nw qr 9-55-20. Consideration, \$20.

Nancy A. Smith to John Robinson, lt 3 in blk 20 in the town of Sumner. Consideration, \$40.

Silas W. Riley and wife to Wm. H. Brewer, nw qr ne qr 22-56-18. Consideration, \$850.

QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS.

Webster Nance and wife of Randolph county to Jacob R. and Geo. F. Daniels, their undivided interest in 100 acres, the n hf nw qr and the n hf sw qr nw qr 29-56-16. Consideration, \$80.

John C. Crawley and wife to Geo. W. Williams, nw qr se qr 16-53-17, except five acres in the se cor. Consideration, \$1.

Arthur McSparran and wife to Mary J. and Henry C. Dowell, e hf sw qr sw qr 15-55-17. Consideration, \$5.

A. C. Null and wife to John A. Duroche, se qr 5-56-21, lying north of Wabash railroad and east of Locust creek, containing 15 acres, more or less. Consideration, \$1.

F. D. Jaco to I. N. Jaco, ne qr se qr 12, and 38.80 acres, se qr se qr 12, and 80 acres, n hf se qr 12, all in 54-18 except 1 1/2 acres in the se qr se qr of 12-54-18. Consideration, \$2,200.

Elder Jeff D. Morgan of Dalton will begin a protracted meeting at Bynumville, the third Sunday in September and will continue it over the first Sunday in October. The fourth Sunday, in September there will be an old-time basket dinner and an all-day service. Preaching and communion at 11 o'clock and also preaching at 3 in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.